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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF PODIATRY
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Cannon Building, Second Floor- Conference Room B
MINUTES APPROVED:	October 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James Bray, Professional Member
Amy Kratz, Public Member
Philip Mandel, Public Member
Dr. Luis Garcia, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Meaghan Jerman, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Harold Gruber, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

There was no public present

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bray called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Gruber was unable to attend the meeting. This item was tabled until the September Board meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 18, 2013 Board meeting. Ms. Kratz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mandel, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012-2013 STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Jerman explained that the Strategic plan was updated to reflect discussion in April concerning the modification of applications to provide clarity between Reciprocity and Direct Application. The Board discussed legislation that would require all new applicants obtain criminal background checks for licensure. Ms. Jerman explained that this addition would require that the applications be modified to include this requirement.

Dr. Garcia discussed concerns with the processing of applications after a pending applicant had two identical sets of national scores sent and this held her license up from being issued. The Board discussed the Division's procedures for processing applications and Ms. Jerman explained that licensee receive information once their application is received so they can monitor the credentialing of their application.

PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Board discussed the status of the Preceptorship program. Ms. Jerman explained that the Board does have an applicant interested in completing a preceptorship program at this time and the application is currently being credentialed. Dr. Bray explained that the Preceptorship is an alternative to licensure that needs to be eliminated. Ms. Singh reviewed the Board's statute and regulations and explained how the Board could consider remove the preceptorship as a pathway to licensure. Dr. Garcia stated that there were issues this year as over 100 students were not able to obtain residency programs. Dr. Bray stated that the Board has a duty to protect the citizens of Delaware and he does not feel by allowing applicants an alternative to a three year residency ensures the public. Dr. Bray clarified that he is not opposed to a preceptorship program which can lead to greater training such as a residency, but he does not feel that a preceptorship to gain licensure is not appropriate. Dr. Bray requested that the Board table this matter until the September meeting when the full Board is present to discuss.

COMPLAINT STATUS

Dr. Bray reported the status of the following complaints:

- Complaint 15-06-13 has been assigned to Dr. Bray
- Complaint 15-01-12 has been closed by an Investigator
- Complaint 15-02-12 has been closed by an Investigator

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW CONSENT AGREEMENT – EDWIN M. MOW

The Board reviewed the Consent Agreement of Edwin Mow. The Board discussed the consent agreement. The Board expressed concern that the Consent Agreement did not provide adequate information to make a determination to accept and felt the discipline is not within the Board's statute. Ms. Kratz made a motion to reject the Consent Agreement of Edwin Mow based on the Board's reservations that portions of the discipline do not fall within the Board's statute, as well uncertainty as to the depth of in-proper practice, seconded by Dr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE LIST

Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kratz to ratify the licenses of Saji Simon by Reciprocity, Michael Budzinski by Podiatrist In-Training, Lauren Moore by Direct Application, and Alicia Canzanese by Podiatrist In-Training. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

ELM Exchange Risk and Safety Institute

Dr. Garcia reviewed the application. Ms. Kratz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garcia to approve ELM Exchange Risk and Safety Institute for 5 hours. The motion carried unanimously.

American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting

Dr. Garcia reviewed the application. Ms. Kratz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garcia to approve the American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting for 31 hours. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

The Board discussed altering their meeting date moving forward. The Board agreed to hold their next meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2013 and will consider the 2014 meeting dates at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.


NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled board meeting is September 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room “B” of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, 19904.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kratz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meaghan Jerman".

Meaghan Jerman
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.